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FOREIGN TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in profits from foreign trade during the current year in comparison to the last few years.

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote foreign trade and increase the revenue earning from it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) &(b) No exhaustive survey has been conducted regarding decline in profits from foreign trade during the current year.

(c) It is the endeavour of the Government to promote foreign trade through initiatives in accordance with the provisions under the Foreign Trade Policy (2004-09) and its Annual Supplement. Government has been taking steps to promote exports as per the provisions under the policy. During the current year, a series of measures have been taken to arrest the deceleration in India's exports in the wake of slowdown in the Global Economy. These measures, inter-alia, include provision of interest subvention in pre and post-shipment export credit for labour intensive exports, provision of additional funds for full refund of Terminal Excise Duty/ CST, Government back-up guarantee to ECGC to enable it to provide guarantees for exports to difficult markets/products, refund of service tax to exporters on foreign agent commissions upto 10% of FOB value of exports etc